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## Fondo pa Spaar (Thrift Plan) pa Tripulacion di Lake Tankernan

Tripulantenan di Lake Tankernan a bira eligibel pa participá den Thrift Plan dia 1 di April, y contribucionnan a cuminza riba e fecha, segun un anuncio den e promé reunion di Comité Consultativo di Empleadonan di Tanker cu a tuma lugha luna pasá.

E plan pa esnan cu ta ricibí nan salario na florin lo tin e mes condicionnan cu e plan pa empleadonan den refineria.

Detayenan ta casi cla pa „Lago Sterling Thrift Plan” pa tripulante Chinesnan, cu ta ricibí nan salario pa placa Ingles, siendo cu nan ta contratá na oficina di e Compañia na London.

Como parti de e Compañia di Seguridad den henter Planta, un Comité di Directiva, nombrá pa L. G. Smith, a reuni pa prome bez dia 14 di Maart pa studia y desarrollá un programa di entrenamiento pa chauffeurnan di autonan di Compañia.

E obheto di e programa lo ta di train chauffeurnan competente y di renoba sabiduria di e chauffeurnan actual.

Den e reunion nan a discuti e varios origennan di accidente y e metodo pa evita nan y tambe cursonan di stuurmento cu nan por usa.

E Comité ta consisti di Howard Daudet di Training Division, president, Gilbert Uhr di Labor Department, Gilbert Brook di Lago Police Department, John McCord di Garage, y Gordon Owen di Safety Department.

## Home Building Foundation Will Spend Fls. 450,000 On Sixty-Seven Houses

A contract was awarded to Ramon A. Montaner, General Contractor, March 28 for the construction of 67 houses costing over Fls. 450,000, according to a Home Building Foundation announcement late last week.

The new housing, representing a unit of 67 Essoville homes of a larger type, will be on a plot of land directly north of and bordering on the Lago Sport Park. A name for the new development is under consideration.

The street layout will be in conformance with the Government's plan for the entire area, and the Government will put in the streets and sidewalks for the Home Building Foundation.

All of the houses will be of the six-room-type, with modern sanitary facilities, and are designed to take full advantage of Aruban trade winds. Construction will begin immediately, but material shortages may prevent completion before early in 1947.

Employees interested in securing information on the new housing should see the secretary of the Home Building Foundation, Fred Beaujon of the Cashier's Office, in the Main Office Building.

At the same time the H.B.F. announced that, in view of the large number of employees who wish to purchase homes, a further study is being made of additional areas in which houses may be built by the H.B.F. in the future.

## Development Co. V.P. Speaks on Atomic Energy

Before a keenly interested audience that filled the Engineers' Club building to capacity and spilled over even to listeners outside the windows, E. V. Murphree, vice-president of S. O. D., spoke March 16 on "Atomic Energy".

Mr. Murphree, who was cited in a recent "Time Magazine" as one of the most important figures in the development of the atomic bomb, took as his subject atomic energy as a possible competition to the oil business, in its application to transportation and power in general.

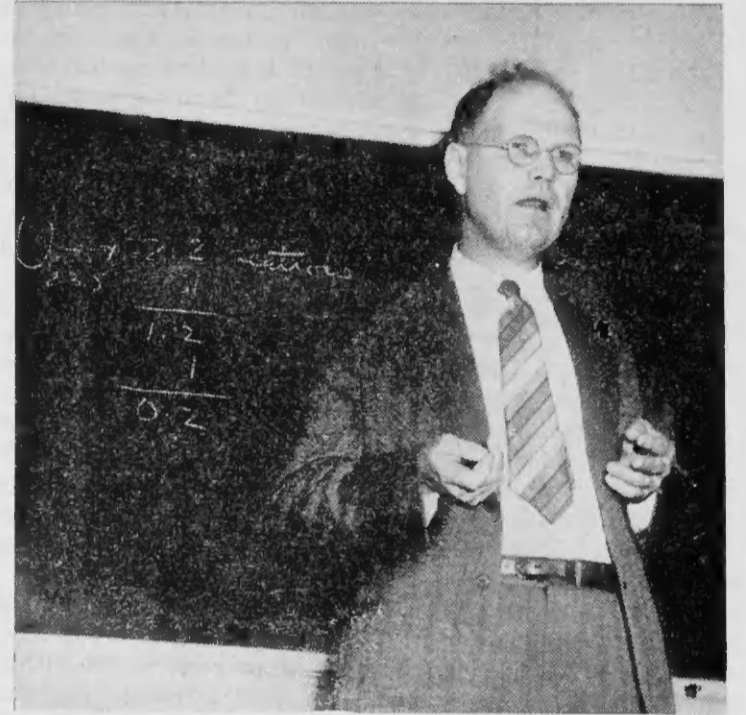
In introducing his subject he estimated the amount of uranium now known in the world as 10,000 tons. This, he said, is the equivalent of 800-million barrels of fuel oil under some limited conditions, or of 120-billion barrels if all the uranium could be converted into heat. The latter figure is six times the proven oil reserves of the United States.

A pound of normal uranium, which might cost about eight dollars, is equivalent to 42 barrels of fuel oil, while a pound of U-235 would equal 6,000 barrels of oil in output of B.T.U.'s.

As a means of producing commercial power, Mr. Murphree stated that one of the chief drawbacks to atomic energy is the enormously heavy shielding needed to protect human beings against the harmful effects of neutrons released in the process. In some stages of the process it might be necessary that the operation be surrounded by six feet of water, several feet of concrete, an air space, and then more concrete, to be perfectly safe. Obviously, he said, this condition would prevent its use as a power factor except in power plants or on heavy ships, so that dreams of atomic energy-powered automobiles and airplanes will probably not be realized.

Commercial development will probably result if the necessary information is made available to a sufficient number of scientists so that the cost of some of the stages of the process may be greatly simplified. Mr. Murphree mentioned that some of the processes now cost 50 to 100 times what he believes they will eventually cost after full development. Such research is very expensive but the U. S. Government is continuing the development. There seems to be no threat in the near future to the coal and oil business as a source of primary fuel.

An interesting feature of the question period following his talk covered the "secrecy" of the atomic bomb that has concerned both those that have the secret and those that do not have it, ever since the first bomb fell. He confirmed the common belief that the only secret involved is the engineering, chemistry, and physics "know-how" involved, and that any nation can work through the problem, given enough years. He stated that the publication of the famous Smyth report revealed information which might save other nations as much as two years in devel-



Flanked by an equation containing the famous symbol "U-235", E. V. Murphree of the Standard Oil Development Company expounds some of the principles of atomic energy in a talk here March 16.

## Management Committee Meets To Plan Safe Driving Course

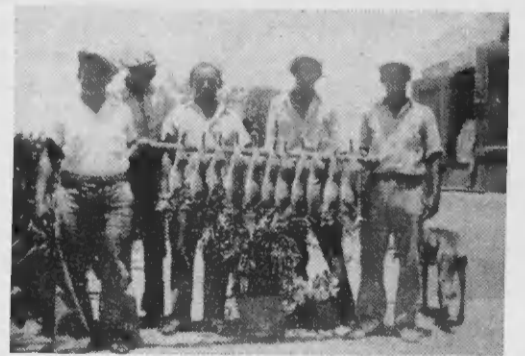
As a part of the plant-wide safety campaign, a management committee appointed by L. G. Smith met in the first of a series of discussions March 14 to study and develop a training program for drivers of Company-owned vehicles.

The object of the program will be to train competent drivers and to refresh the knowledge of the present drivers.

In the course of the meetings, the various sources of accidents and methods for their prevention were discussed, together with types of driving courses which may eventually be used.

Serving on the Committee are Howard Daudet of the Training Division as chairman, Gilbert Uhr of the Labor Department, Gilbert Brook of the Lago Police Department, John McCord of the Garage, and Gordon Owen of the Safety Department.

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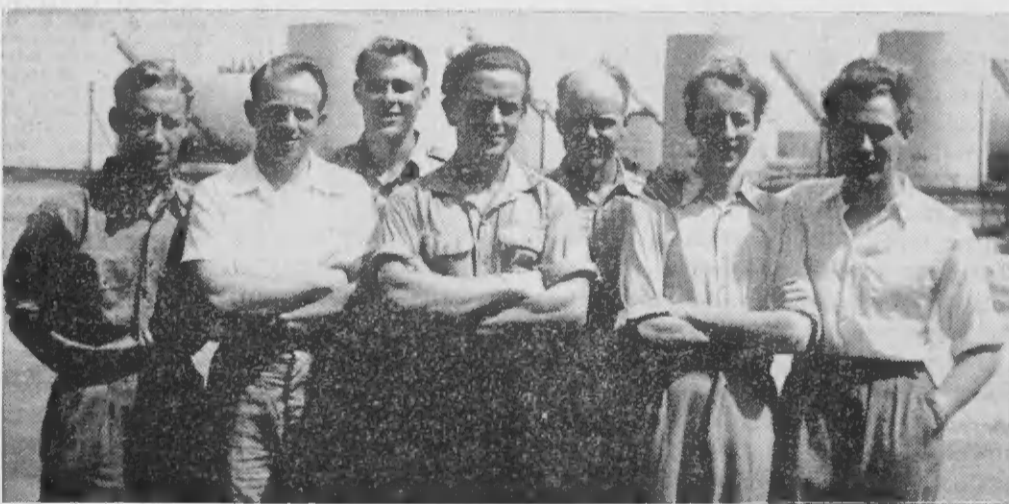
Esnan cu ta biba na Noord tin bon chens di bira jaagdó di konew. E grupo aki a sali un dia pa jaag y nan a bolbe cu e carga aki. Nan di cu ta facil, basta bo sa ta con. E jaagdonan ta (drechi pa robex) Estevan Tromp di Machinists y su bisinjanan Juan Figaroa, Benedicto Tromp, Candido Heide y Elautherio Tromp.

Living near Noord and being a rabbit hunter seem to be one and the same thing. This group went out one day and came back with this fine catch. They say it's simple if you know how. They are, left to right, Estevan Tromp of the Machinists, and some neighbors, Juan Figaroa, Benedicto Tromp, Candido Heide, and Elautherio Tromp.

opment work.

Mr. Murphree stopped here overnight on his way to South America. Aside from his talk, he spent his time in staying out of the higher realms of physics. Golf, his favorite sport, a flight over the island, and other entertainment helped in the relaxation.

## Underground Fighters Here En Route to States



These seven Norwegians, formerly of the underground in Norway, were pictured during their stay in Aruba while waiting for a ship to take them to college in the States. They are, left to right, Gunnar Bjune, Leif Haug, Rolf Ottesen, Odd Johnsen, Reidar Lunde, Kristian Tonning, and Paul Juul-Olsen.

E siete hombernan aki tabata miembro di Ondergrond Norwedji, cu a bringa Alemannan na secreto durante guerra. Nan a keda Aruba varios dia siman pasá y nan a sigui pa Merca pa nan bai colegio. Aínda no tin transportación di Merca pa Noruega y nan mester a haci un buelta grandi, bini Aruba den tanker y pa nan sigui di aki pa Merca den tanker tambe.

Smoke poured out of a Bachelor Quarters door one day last week, in a big enough cloud to make one passer-by think the building was on fire.

There was no fire, however — just seven young Norwegians in transit here, catching up on cigarettes after the lean war years with little or no tobacco. The seven were officers in the Norwegian underground, and are now on their way to American universities where they have scholarships as a reward for their war services.

The group related interesting tales of the resistance movement from first-hand experience. Resistance did not spring up overnight, they said, but took careful planning and development. The first step was underground newspapers to counter Nazi propaganda and to inform people of the war's progress. The next stage was sabotage.

Norway was the scene of much of Europe's advanced research in "heavy

## Thrift Plan for Laker Crews Similar to Refinery's Plan

The Lake tankers' crews (unlicensed personnel) became eligible for the Lago Thrift Plan April 1, with contributions starting on that date, according to an announcement at the first meeting of the tankermen's advisory committee last month.

The plan for the ships' guildler-paid personnel, which because of various unusual factors has been under consideration for over a year, will have the same provisions as the plan for refinery employees.

## Chinese have separate plan

Detail work is nearing completion also on the "Lago Sterling Thrift Plan", for Chinese crewmen whose earnings are in English currency since their services were contracted for in the London offices of the Company.

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## Going, Going . . . GONE

The purpose of any auction is to get as much money as possible out of the articles being auctioned. You may receive a \$ 50 article for \$ 10 if no one is bidding against you; on the other hand, you may have to pay 50 to get something that is actually worth only 10, because someone else wanted it almost as much as you did, regardless of its value.

The system works no hardship at auctions. The buyer can never feel cheated when he pays an exorbitant price, because he himself helped bid it up to that level, and he could stop bidding whenever he liked. Besides, auctions are rare.

But the thing becomes more serious when meat and potatoes, socks and shirts, and the hundreds of other essentials to daily living are concerned. One of the principal reasons for the increased cost of living here is that competition between merchants does not exist to any great extent and they are able to sell anything they can import at high prices. The quantity of goods imported to the island is limited by the amount of dollar exchange available and not by consumer demand. This will continue to be true for some time to come.

One cannot blame a merchant for trying to get as high prices as possible when his customers are eager to buy anything he has. Therefore, if we wish to keep prices within the range of our pocketbooks, we must refuse to pay unreasonable prices. The Government has established a price control bureau, but it cannot enforce its regulations if the customers do not bring specific cases to its attention.

The net result of the present situation is that if we want to get our money's worth during this period of inflation, we must buy only what is the most essential, paying no more than the Government ceiling prices, and refusing to spend money for other things unless the prices are reasonable.

This takes will power, for money "burns a hole in your pocket". But if everyone spends his money freely when goods are scarce, prices are bound to be unreasonable and everyone suffers from the high cost of living.

Regular trade is not all that is concerned with inflation. The person who sells some pre-war electrical appliance or piece of furniture for three times what it cost five years ago may get a temporary pleasant glow from having received "something for nothing". What he enjoys is only an illusion, however, for in his little way he contributes to upward-spiralling prices, and the extra money he made only goes to buy something else which costs HIM more than it should.

Prices are high enough due to post-war conditions — let us not make them higher by bidding against the other fellow when goods are scarce.

Obheto di tur vindishi ta di haya tanto placa posibel pa e articulonnan cu ta worde bendi na vindishi. Bo por haya un articulo cu bal \$ 50 pa \$ 10, si ningun hende no ta ofrece contra bo; de lo contrario, bo por paga \$ 50 pa un articulo cu no ta bal mas cu \$ 10, pasobra tin un otro hende cu tabatin casi mes tanto gana di e articulo cu bo, indiferente di su balor.

E sistema aki no ta causá ningun malcontento na vindishi. E comprador no por bisa cu nan a nek e ora cu e paga un prijs excesivo, pasobra e mes a yuda hiza e prijs y e por a stop di ofrece ki ora cu e tabata ké. Ademas, masha rara vez tin vindishi.

Pero e asunto ta bira mas serio ora esaki ta toca carni y batata, mea y camisa y hopi otro articulonnan di uso diario. Un di e motibonan principal cu Costo di Bida ta aumentá, ta cu no tin competencia entre comerciantenan y nan por bende kico cu nan importa na prijsnan halto. E

## Visitors Prowl Through Sub On Shakedown Cruise Here

Breaking surface just outside the reef at noon March 17, the U. S. S. REMORA put in at San Nicolas harbor, on her shakedown cruise. The REMORA, one of the newest submarines that the Navy has to offer, stayed here for two days before sailing.

Commissioned in January, 1946 and manned by a war-wise crew, the REMORA carries the very latest in armament, radar, and sound detection equipment. While she was tied up at the main dock visitors were escorted through the cramped quarters, and marveled at the tremendous amount of dials, gauges, signal-lights, batteries, engines, and push buttons that could be jammed into such a small space, not to mention a couple of dozen torpedoes and about 80

men.

After leaving Aruba the REMORA was to stop in at Panama and Havana on her way back to the States where she will become a school ship at the famous submarine school at New London, Connecticut.

Cattle in a refinery would be a decided novelty, but don't be surprised if you stumble across some soon. While being unloaded from shipboard in Oranjestad March 27, some strayed, and were last seen a day or so later in Savaneta merrily making their way toward Lago. In fact, the manager of the slaughterhouse inquired at the Lago Police Office whether any had made their way through the gates lately, with or without badge pictures.

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Colony Commissary  
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Laundry  
Colony Service Office  
Colony Shops  
Garage

(Stars after a name indicate that that reporter has turned in a tip for this issue).

## Long Service Awards

March, 1946

### 10-YEAR BUTTONS

John Hughes	Commissary
Johannes Thompson	Cold Storage
Antonio Bryson	Col. Operations
Florence Thomas	Com. School
Henry Medonne	Instrument
Stanley Smith	Instrument
Simon Alberto	Electrical
Walter Arrindell	Machinist
Petrus Frankerl	Welding
Bruno Arends	Labor
Charles Joseph	Lago Police
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Barbaristo Amaya	L.O.F.
Ricardo Wever	L.O.F.
Carl Ansyn	Acid & Edel.
Mario Lacle	Press. Stills
Francisco Heronimo	Gas Plant
Santiago Croes	Gas Plant
Andrew Christie	Dry Dock
Dionisio Bislip	Dry Dock

### 20-YEAR BUTTON



Thomas Kock of the Pipe Department was one of the men hired for the Company's account in the earliest days, June, 1925, and was officially put on the payroll in October, 1928. He has the distinction of having attained 20 years service without an A.W.O.L. or other deductible absence being on his record. His service since 1928 has been continuous in the Pipe Department.

### 30-YEAR BUTTON



George Wilken of the Pressure Stills started with the Standard Oil Company of Indiana in 1915, at the Wood River refinery. He transferred to Aruba as a shift foreman in 1929, and is on special assignments at the Pressure Stills.

### 30-YEAR BUTTONS

(February)



Coy Cross of L.O.F. was first in the oil business with S. O. Co. of Louisiana (1945), and later with the Mexican Petroleum Corp. of Louisiana, until he went in to military service. After the war with the same company until 1928, when he became one of the early refinery employees here. His service has been continuous in L.O.F., where he is process foreman.



Harry Bensing of the Stewards Department started with S.O. Co. of Indiana at Whiting in 1916. After service in the first war he returned to Whiting until he transferred to Aruba in 1931. In 1932 he became assistant general foreman of the Commissary. In May, 1942 he transferred to the Stewards Department, where his service has been continuous.

cantidad di articulonnan importá pa e isla aki ta limitá pa via cu dollar ta limitá y no pa demanda di consumadornan. Es situacion aki lo sigui existí pa algun tempo ainda.

Ningun hende no por culpa un comerciante cu ta trata di haya prijsnan asina halto posibel pa su articulonnan, si clientenan ta loco pa cumpra kico cu e tin. P'esey si nos ta desea di tene prijsnan na nivel cu nos portamoneda, nos mester nenga di paga prijsnan exagerá. Gobierno a establecé un Oficina pa Control di Prijsnan, pero e no por realíz su doel si clientenan no ta yama nan atención riba casonan específico.

E resultado di e situacion actual ta haci cu si nos ké haya balor di nos placa durante e periodo di inflacion aki, no mester cumpra solamente lo di mas necesario, sin paga mas cu prijsnan estipulá pa Gobierno y di nenga di gasta placa pa otro cosnan na prijsnan cu no ta rasonabel.

Pa esaki mester di fuerza di boluntad, y si tur hende distribí placa ora cu articulonnan ta scars, ta sigur cu prijsnan ta bira inrazonabel y nos tur lo sufri ora cu Costo di Bida bira mas halto.

Prijsnan ta basta halto caba pa motibo di geurra — no laga nos haci nan subi mas, ofreciendo di paga mas cu un otro ora articulonnan ta scars.



Thomas Kock di Pipe Department a ricibi su boton di 20 añu di sirbishi na Maart. E tabata un di e hombernan empleá na cuenta di Compania durante e promé dianan na Juni di 1925 y na October di 1928 el a bai riba payroll oficialmente. El a distingí su mes cu su sirbishi di 20 añu sin ningun A.W.O.L. of cualker otro ausencia descompartel riba su record. Desde añu 1928 el a traha continuamente na Pipe Department. (Su portret ta den di cuater columna.)

## DEATHS

Paulus M. Tromp of the Carpenters, on March 24 at the age of 49. He had continuous service of nearly 13 years, was a participant in the Thrift Plan, and under the provisions of the Company's new death benefits policy, his family will receive one year's salary. He is survived by his wife, five daughters, and three sons.

A MURI: Paulus M. Tromp di Carpenter, dia 24 di Maart na edad di 49 años. E tabata den servicio continuo di Compania pa 13 años, e tabata participante den Thrift Plan y segun condicionnan di e póliza nobodiCompania pa beneficiaronan mortuorio, su familia lo ricibi un año di salario. E a laga 'tras su señora, cinco jioe-muher y tres jioe-homber.

# AROUND THE PLANT

## Lall meets Lana Turner

The thrill of a lifetime came to Manohar Lall of M. & C. when he met Lana Turner while on vacation in Trinidad. The star stopped and spoke with him and Archie Stevenson of No. 3 Laboratory, at the airport.

Lall reports that they had quite a little chat and that she posed several times for him to take pictures, and also gave them her autograph. Manohar got his on a pack of cigarettes but Stevenson used no less than a one-pound note. The men probably believe now that all vacations should include an interlude like this one.

## Want to buy a burro?

Marius del Prado, who handles Personnel matters at the Main Gate, would have sold one cheap last week when it was found calmly standing in the back of his car parked in front of the Lago Police Office. It isn't generally known whether someone helped it in as a joke, or whether getting in was the burico's own idea. Anyway, there it was, until the police ushered it out onto solid ground again.

In a letter sent in care of the Company to the Master of the tanker FORT HENRY, Lt. Governor L. C. Kwartz extended his thanks for the assistance rendered the two Curaçao fishermen recently picked up near here. (See story in February 22 issue of Aruba Ezzo News). The men were brought to San Nicholas and expressed their gratitude for the way they had been treated.

Rafael Martinez of the Drydock returned last week from long vacation in Venezuela, and brought with him some good pictures he took in Caracas. The first-rate one printed at right shows one of the buildings in "El Silencio", a new housing development in the Venezuelan capital. Seven buildings with a patio in the center of each cover seven city blocks, chiefly apartments which rent at from \$ 45 to \$ 100 per month depending on size. Each one of the units, which are in a combination of old and modern Spanish architecture, is the largest apartment building in South America. In the center of the seven blocks is the Plaza Urdaneta, which is three times as large as the city's main Plaza Bolivar.

Silvani Serrani is working in the Marine Department on the docks. This may not mean much to some readers, but if the name were changed to the "Gorilla", it might mean more. The noted local fighter is now a Lago employee, having started work March 11. Silvani says that his boxing career will continue and that he will be seen in the local arenas. For his most recent picture, see page 5.

Justiniano Soto is back at work in the Boiler Shop after six weeks vacation in Venezuela. He visited relatives in Puerto Cabello and Caracas and also had a fine time at the Carnival in both cities.

Winnie Rohee (Mrs. Charles R., whose husband is in Personnel) was recently mentioned by a columnist in a British Guiana paper, who congratulated her on her work as co-producer (with Mrs. C. MacDonald) of the "Folies Variete" at the Lago Club several months ago.

Victor Pellicer, who was in the transportation section of Personnel here from July 1, 1940 to June 29, 1945, was named local employment supervisor of Creole at Caracas March 1, according to a letter recently received by friends. Victor, who hailed from Venezuela originally, is well-pleased with his new job.

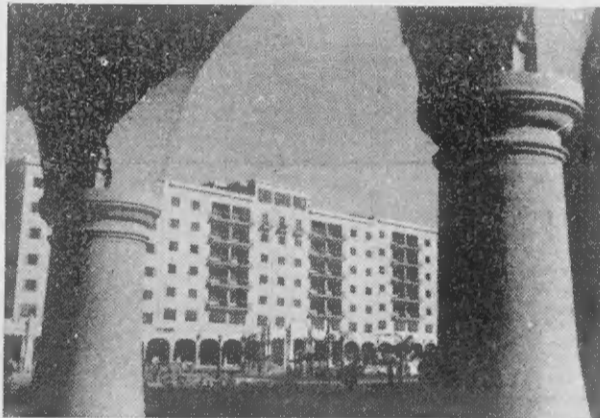
## Gorila ta traha awor

Silvani Serrani ta traha na Marine Department riba dock. Podiser lesador nan no conocé e number aki, pero si nos cambiá pa "Gorila" anto si oreanan ta para manera di biná cu a tende tiro. E notable boxeador local ta un empleado di Lago awor; el a cuminza traha dia 11 di Maart. Silvani a bisa cu lo e sigui su carera di boxeo y cu nan lo miré den ringnan local. Pa su portret di mas reciente, mira pagina 5.

Justiniano Soto a bolbe na su trabao na Boiler Shop despues di un vacantie di seis siman na Venezuela. El a bishitá su famianan na Puerto Cabello y na Caracas y el a goza hopi cu Carnaval na tur e dos lugarnan cu el a bishitá.

Den un carta mandá na cargo di Compania pa Master di e tanker FORT HENRY, Gezagebber L. C. Kwartz a extendé su gradicimento pa asistencia prestá na e dos piscadornan Curazoleño, cu a naufragá algun dia pasá. (Mira e storia den Ezzo News di 22 di Februari.) E hombernan a bin San Nicolas den e tanker y nan a expresá nan gradicimento pa e bo trato cu nan a haya abordo.

Victor Pellicer, cu tabata traha na Personnel Department di 1 di Juli, 1940 te 29 di Juni, 1945 a worde nombrá como Hefe di Empleo Local na Compania di Creole na Caracas dia 1 di Maart, segun un carta skirbí na un amigo. Victor, cu ta Venezolano originalmente, ta masha satisfecho cu su job.



Rafael Martinez a bolbe di "vacantie largo" siman pasá. El a bishitá Venezuela y el a trece algun bon portret di Caracas. Esun di mihor aki 'riba ta muestra un di e edificacionan di "El Silencio", un construcción nobo den centro di Caracas. "El Silencio" ta consistí di siete edificio cu un patio mei-mei di cada y cada edificio ta corre di skina te skina di caya. E edificacionan ta partí na apartamentos cu ta huur na 45 te 100 dollar pa luna, segun grandura. Cada un di e edificacionan ta e edificio mas grandi di apartamentos di Sur America. Nan ta un combinación di arquitectura Español bieu y Español moderno. Plaza Urdaneta ta keda mei-mei di e siete edificacionan y e plaza aki ta tres mas grandi cu Plaza Bolivar, cu ta e plaza principal di Caracas.



## Ken ke cumpra un burico?

Marius del Prado, cu ta traha pa Personnel na Main Gate, lo a bende un masha barata siman pasá; el a haya un pará p'atras den su auto cu el a parkeer dilanti di oficina di Lago Police. E no a haya sá si ta algun herde por a yuda e burico drenta pa chanzá of si ta e burico mes tabata ke un cabeiboto. Con que sea, e burico a keda ey den te ora polies a poné riba tera firme atrobe.

## Laker Returns After Four Years War Service

### Misoa Landed First Vehicle In North African Campaign

Out of the cryptic phrases of an unofficial log unfolds the story of the wartime service of the lake tanker MISOA, which arrived back in Aruba last week after a five-year absence. It was the story of bombings, attacks on convoys, submarine contacts, air attacks, prisoners of war and roaring tanks. It is told in a log maintained by the ship's navigation officer. Unfortunately, it was not carried on after he left the ship in October, 1943, but it covers plenty of action in two years.

The need for shipping had become desperate in 1941, and the British Admiralty was on the lookout for all likely-looking vessels to be converted into ships of war. The MISOA filled the bill and was requisitioned and sent back to England for conversion.

To change a tanker into an LST might seem like a tremendous job, but not to the men who build ships. In a comparatively short time MISOA was a first-class fighting ship, ready to try her guns (not to mention her new bow-ramp) in action.

From her commissioning to action was only a short step, and the ex-tanker took her place as one of His Majesty's ships. One of the first of her assignments was a long trip down the coast of Africa to Freetown, where she met the BACHAQUERO, also of the Lake Fleet. From Freetown, the ships sailed for Madagascar for the campaign there (BACHAQUERO took part in the operations, MISOA did not).

From December, 1941, to November, 1942, are listed a great number of practice landings. The reason for these is soon evident, for listed in red ink for the date November 8, 1942, is "Beached Arzeu" — the first vehicle on the beach from the MISOA was the first vehicle landed in the North African campaign that started turning the tide for the Allies.

After the initial landings in North Africa the tanker performed many other duties, chief among them the ferrying of troops and vehicles to various parts of the Mediterranean theater.

Constant mention is made at this time of the air attacks, and submarine attacks and contacts. More red-letter days were in store for the MISOA from January 17—19, 1943, when she was under ceaseless air and submarine attacks during runs between Oran, Philippeville, and Algiers.

During this time the MISOA accounted for one aircraft (certain) and two more probables, and a submarine (most definite). The sub was attacked off Algiers

Veteran of the shell-torn beaches of Normandy and Italy is the "Misoa" shown below at anchor. This converted Lake tanker did yeoman service during the war as an L.S.T. She is no longer dodging torpedoes, but is on her way to Aruba. At right is a lookout's-eye view of her bow, equipped for war.

with depth charges and forced to the surface. Then it was put away with gunfire. At this time the TASAJERA (another of the Maracaibo Oilers) is mentioned as being struck by a torpedo, but nothing is said as to what became of her.

Another sort of red-letter day was January 26, 1943, when Lord Louis Mountbatten visited the ship at Algiers. Strangely enough, the record of stirring action with the enemy is carried in nonchalant little notes, while Mountbatten's visit, apparently the only thing that excited the log-keeper, is underlined three times in ink.

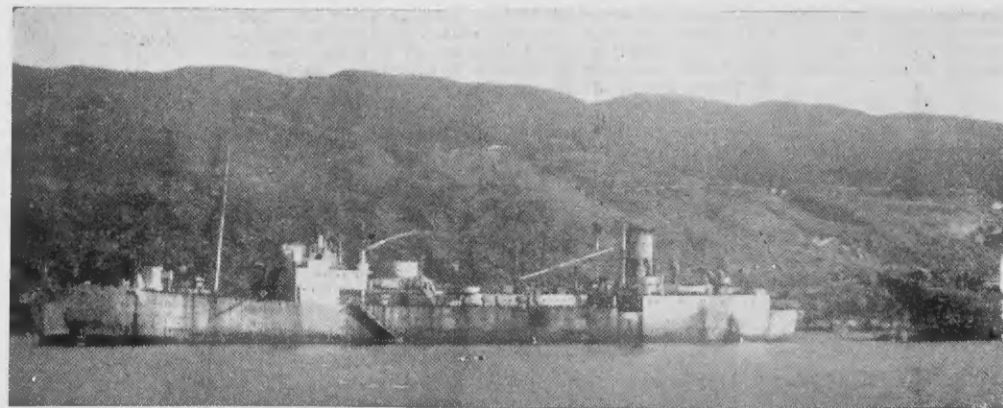
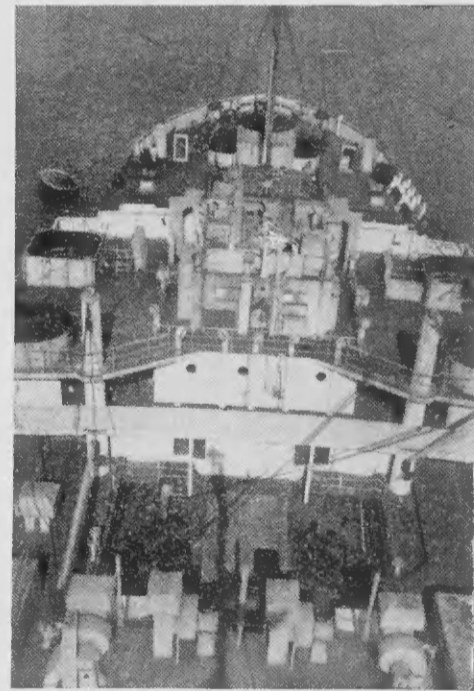
The ship's closest escape was on June 18, 1943, when in an air attack a bomb hit the ship, but miraculously it was a dud and failed to explode. Among the records of attacks by submarines is one in which the torpedo passed only 20 yards astern. Her record is thickly interspersed throughout with notable achievements, and shows action almost without letup.

After finishing her duties in the Mediterranean she returned to England, landing at Devonport in October, 1943. At this point the log ends abruptly, apparently due to the transfer of the owner to other duties.

During this time the converted tanker had transported 1592 war vehicles of all types, over 8,000 soldiers, and several thousand prisoners of war. She had been all over North African waters. Oran, Philippeville, Algiers, Sousse, Pantalleria, Benghazi, Port Augusta, and Tripoli are some of the ports which saw her riding at anchor.

Later the MISOA was part of the naval forces forming in 1944 for the great D-day invasion in which she took part.

The MISOA'S return to the Maracaibo run leaves only two tankers still away, out of the five that were requisitioned. The INVERROSA and INVERLAGO, which were on bunkering duty in African ports, returned some time ago. The BACHAQUERO and TASAJERA, which were landing craft like the MISOA, are now in the States, being refitted as tankers and will soon be back.



E portret aki ta muestra MISOA un di e tankernan di mas nobo di Lake Fleet promé cu guerra, cu a bolbe Aruba atrobe despues di hopi añanan den guerra. E portret ta saká na Canada, ora cu MISOA tabata na caminda pa bai "join" Marino Británico. MISOA a aterizá a promé vehiculo na costa di Noord Afrika. MISOA a sirbi durante henter guerra y e tabatin un bon record di combate den e invasion di Noord Afrika y tambe den aterizamentonan na Sicilia. E tabata victima di varios ataque aérea pero el a tumba hopi aeroplano; el a ataká tambe un submarino, forcé bin ariba pa medio di depth charge y luego sinké cu cañon. Durante guerra MISOA a topa hopi bez cu su ruman-bapornan TASAJERA y BACHAQUERO; e dos bapornan aki tambe lo bolbe pronto.

# NEWS and VIEWS

Capacity audiences of parents and friends filled the Lago School auditorium March 21 and 22 when the comedy "Ever Since Eve" was presented by dual casts. Most of those who had a part in the production are shown at right. (Those not otherwise identified are the young actors and actresses). In back are William Wade, Miss W. Murphy (assistant director), Walter Buchholtz, Lennie Teagle, Tom Tucker, Mrs. W. H. Hensley (director), Albert Ray, Bryan McCall, Kenneth Repath, Christine Buchholtz and Evelyn Wade (prompters), Marjorie Smith (properties), and Merlene Morris. The center row has Heather Walters, Claire Wilken, Bob and Dick Rafloski, Sue Wingus, Lucy Smith, and Pauline Morgan. In front are Dick Rosborough (electrician), and Roy Burbage. Cast members not in the picture are Dorothy Stuart, Pat Scott, Sharon Meaker, Bob Learned, Ronald Kennerty, and Betty Ann Binnion. Others who helped were Mary Macrini, advertising, Minerva Josephson, sales, Roberta Pfaff, properties, Virginia Moore, programs, J. Cahill, who handled the box office, and ushers Billy Morgan and Duke Richey.



Three-dimensional pin-ups are Hollywood's latest development. If you'd like one for your breakfast nook, we're sorry we can't arrange it. If you Grace MacDonald is the starlet apparently defying the laws of gravity.



Generalmente galinjanan ta pone un webo sò alabez, pero na esun aki. Despues cu el a pone esun di tamaño regular mei-mei riba e portret, probablemente e no a keda mucho satisfecho, y unbez despues el a pone esun na banda drechi, cu ta mas grandi cu esun di promé. E galinja ta pertenece na Pedro Brook di Accounting.

One at a time is ordinarily enough, but not for this hen. After laying the normal-size egg in the center, she was not content with her performance and went right ahead and laid the larger one at right. The hen is owned by Pedro Brook of the Accounting Office. He says she's still a little tired.



When Trinidad celebrates Carnival time, it really celebrates in no uncertain terms. Literally hundreds of bands in every form of fancy dress imaginable parade and compete for prizes. Many bands even have two completely different dress themes, one for the morning hours and another for later in the day. At top right is shown a "dragon band" in the streets of Port of Spain. Below is the "Rum and Coca Cola" band. The pictures were sent to Robert Murray of T.S.D. by his sister, who appears in the second view.



Jra Trinidad celebrá Carnalv ta di berdad mes e ta celebrá. Algun cien banda bisti na tur sorto di disfraz cu bo por imaginá a pasa den parada pa nan competi pa premionan. Hopi banda tabatin hasta dos difraz, un pa mainta y un pa atardi. Ariba, na banda drechi, a banda di Dragones den cayanan di Port of Spain. Abao, e banda di "Rum and Coca Cola". E portretnan a bin di Trinidad pa Robert Murray di T.S.D.; su ruman muher, cu ta parce den e segundo grupo a manda nan pé.

Hollywood no ta monopolizá belleza femenina. Mira e mucha-muhé mas adilanti por ehempel; algun dia seguramente lo e por competi pa reina di belleza. E portret ta saká na school Catolico di Santa Cruz. E maestra na banda robes ta Johanna Vries, ruman di Mario Vries di Personnel y e maestra na banda drechi ta Maria Werleman, Mario su tanta.

Hollywood has no corner on feminine beauty. The little girl closest to the camera, for instance, will one day be a "queen" in her own right. The picture was taken at the Catholic school at Santa Cruz. The teacher at back left is Johanna Vries, sister of Mario Vries of Personnel, and the teacher at back right is Maria Werleman, Mario's aunt.



Footballers See Carnival in Full Colombian Trip



Juan Maduro of No. 3 Laboratorio recorded Jong Holland's Colombian football trip in some good pictures. Above, the team included, back row, Cerilio Orman, Menelio Loefstop, Elio Tromp, Rosendo Aparicio, Frans Kelkboom, Sixto Franken, Emirto Lacle, and Angel Chirino; front row, Emilio Orman, Mateo Reyes, and Jossy Quant. Below, the goalie for the Caldas team falls flat to stop one, while Aruba's Lacle and Loefstop bore in from the left. At right, getting away from masculine subjects, Maduro trains his camera on the Queen of Barranquilla's Carnival, which was one of the trip's high spots.

Juan Maduro di Laboratorio No. 3 a saka algun portret di e biaha cu Jong Holland a haci na Colombia pa hunga futbol. Ariba, careda p'atras, Cerilio Orman, Menelio Loefstop, Elio Tromp, Rosendo Aparicio, Frans Kelkboom, Sixto Franken, Emirto Lacle, y Chirino; careda p'adilanti, Emilio Orman, Mateo Reyes, y Jossy Quant. Abao, keeper di e team Caldas ta cai plat abao pa e wanta un bala, y Lacle y Loefstop di Aruba la drenta di banda robey. Na banda drechi, Maduro ta paga tino na obhetonan menos masculino y el a saka portret di Reina di Carnaval di Barranquilla.



Win two out of three

Carnival, dances, and football all mixed together made for a good time in Colombia when the Jong Holland Club took its recent trip to Barranquilla and other cities to play football and see the sights.

The Arubans did well on the football field, playing a series of three matches, winning two and barely losing the third. Mariño, a Colombian outfit, bowed to the tune of 3 to 1 and Caldas, another of the local teams, lost to Jong Holland also by 4 to 2. It took a combined team made up of the best men of the two Colombian teams to defeat the visitors, and then only by a score of 2 to 1.

Merriment and good football combined to make it a successful tour.

Combinacion Futbol-Carnaval Pa Arubianonan cu a Bai Colombia

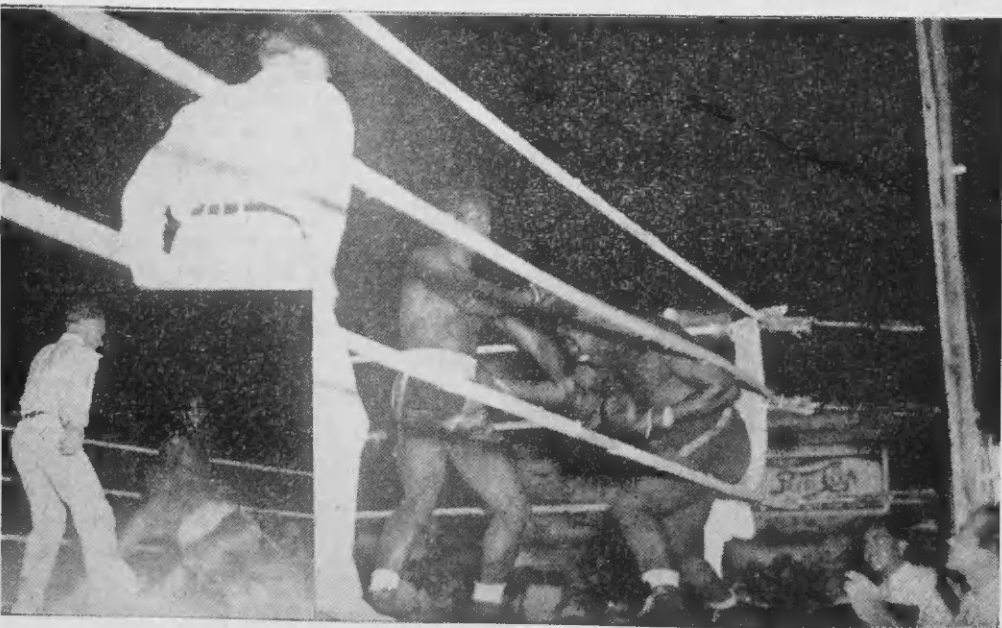
Carnaval, balia y futbol tur hunto a haci cu Club Jong Holland a goza hopi cu nan viahe reciente na Colombia, unda nan a hunga futbol na Barranquilla y na otro lugarnan.

E Arubianonan a hunga masha bon; nan a gana 2 wega di un serie di 3 wega. Un team Colombiano, Marino pa 1 y Caldas, un otro team Colombiano a perde cu 4 pa 2. Un team combiná di e mi-hor hungadornan di e dos teamnan a bin gana un wega contra Jong Holland anto solamente su 2 pa 1.

Fiestamento y bon futbol a haci e viahe un berdadero éxito.

„Maté!” lo ta loque Juancito su partidariónan ta grité ora cu e ta manda Gorilla p'atras contra Gorilla into the ropes in an early round of their main-event bout March 23. It wasn't to be that way, though: the Gorilla (Sylvani Serrani of Marine Wharves) gradually wore his opponent down, and won the fight with a technical knockout in the ninth round.

„Maté!” lo ta loque Juancito su partidariónan ta grité ora cu e ta manda Gorilla p'atras contra e cabuya di ring den un di e promé roundnan di nan boxeo di 23 di Maart. Pero qui dia! Gorilla a cansa su oponente poco-poco y el a gana e boxeo cu un knock-out técnico den di nuebe round.



Four leaf clovers are a traditional symbol of luck, but they are only a symbol, and for help in avoiding accidents they are of no more use than luck itself usually is. It takes MORE than luck to prevent accidents: it takes good tools and equipment, the use of safety devices when they are needed, and most of all the careful attention of every man to the problem of avoiding hazards. (At right is a picture of a poster now displayed on one of the big plant safety boards).

Na Spañó e yama „trebol”, na Holandes „klaverblaadje van vier” y na Ingles nan ta yamá „four leaf clover”. E blaachi clover ta simbolo di bon suerte, pero pa seguridad bo nu por conta riba suerte. Mas cu suerte ta necesario pa evita accidente; loque ta necesario ta bon herment y bon equipo, ta necesario di sigui reglanan di seguridad, y di mas necesario ta atención y cuidao di cada persona pa evita peligrónan. (Aki riba nos ta mira un prenchi di e borchinan di Seguridad cu tin den Planta).



NORWEGIANS

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water”, which might have been a factor in the development of atomic bombs. But the Norwegians had other ideas. With the help of arms, ammunition, and explosives dropped from British planes by parachutes, they were able to put Germany out of the heavy-water business.

The men said they were in constant radio contact with England, which enabled them to pick up supplies at the correct dropping grounds. The signal that a shipment was on the way was a code sentence at the end of certain B. B.C. broadcasts, and the service worked so smoothly that the patriots worked without their munitions within five or six hours of receiving the signal. Deliveries were made every 14 days during the dark of the moon. In between times they stole weapons from the Germans.

The underground helped hundreds of young Norwegians to escape to England, where most joined the Navy or paratroops. Nearly all of Norway's airmen escaped and joined the R.A.F. The underground was well-organized into supply, intelligence, police, civil, and military divisions, linked by slender threads of contact, and when liberation came they were able to take over quickly and efficiently.

Their fighting days over, the seven visitors to Aruba are now on their way to higher education. One will go to the University of Nevada at Reno (he has his skis along), one to University of California, one to University of Wisconsin, and four to Oglethorpe, in Georgia.



Recently added to the growing ranks of women to be named corporate officers in the Standard Oil group was Alice C. Bartles, who was made assistant secretary of Standard Oil Development Company. Starting with the Company 13 years ago, Miss Bartles soon was doing secretarial work and since 1943 has been assistant to R.W. Burkart, secretary of the Development Company. As assistant secretary, she will share the responsibilities of the administration of the Company, and the handling of the voluminous contracts, patents and other records.

Liga di Softbal Forma Pa Hunga na Sport Park

Pronto nos lo goza di weganan di softbal atrobe. Comité di Sport a reñní dia 27 di Maart y nan a dicidí di forma un Liga di 14 team y programa di weganan lo ta clâ pronto.

E reglanan di wega lo ta mescos cu esnan di biaha pasá cu algun cambio chikito. E moda di umpire lo ta diferente e biaha aki. Nan lo tuma captain y un miembro mas di cada team pa sirbi di umpire ora cu nan mes team no ta hungando. R. W. Stickel di Personnel lo asistí na extrena esnan cu worde escogí.

E teamnan di e Liga ta Carpenters, Machinists & Foundry, Personnel & Accounting, Utilities, Drydock, Acid Plant, Plant Commissary, Pressure Stills, T. S. D., M. & C., Colony Operations, Light Oils Finishing, Training Division, Ehérite pa Campionato (departamental) y ainda ta falta un team mas.

Billiards Played at L. H. Club

Billiards was the diversion at the Lago Heights Club March 24, when a twelve match tournament was held from 10 in the morning until 3 in the afternoon. Drawings for partners were made just before play started.

Winners in the competition turned out to be R. Chung-A-On and J. W. (Slappie) Arrias both of the Pressure Stills. The two first prizes, wrist-watch bands, were presented to the winning team and a special prize of a tiny cup went to Chung-A-On for the biggest fluke of the day. He broke 45 following a somewhat mediocre beginning.

SCORES

Korfball Tournament

March 3	Victoria	2
	Xerxes	1
March 9	Falcon	2
	Trappers	1
March 17	Sparta	4
	Victoria	1
March 23	Falcon	1
	Jong Holland	1
March 24	T.O.F.	2
	Trappers	2
March 30	Jong Holland	3
	T.O.F.	1
March 31	Sparta	5
	Xerxes	1

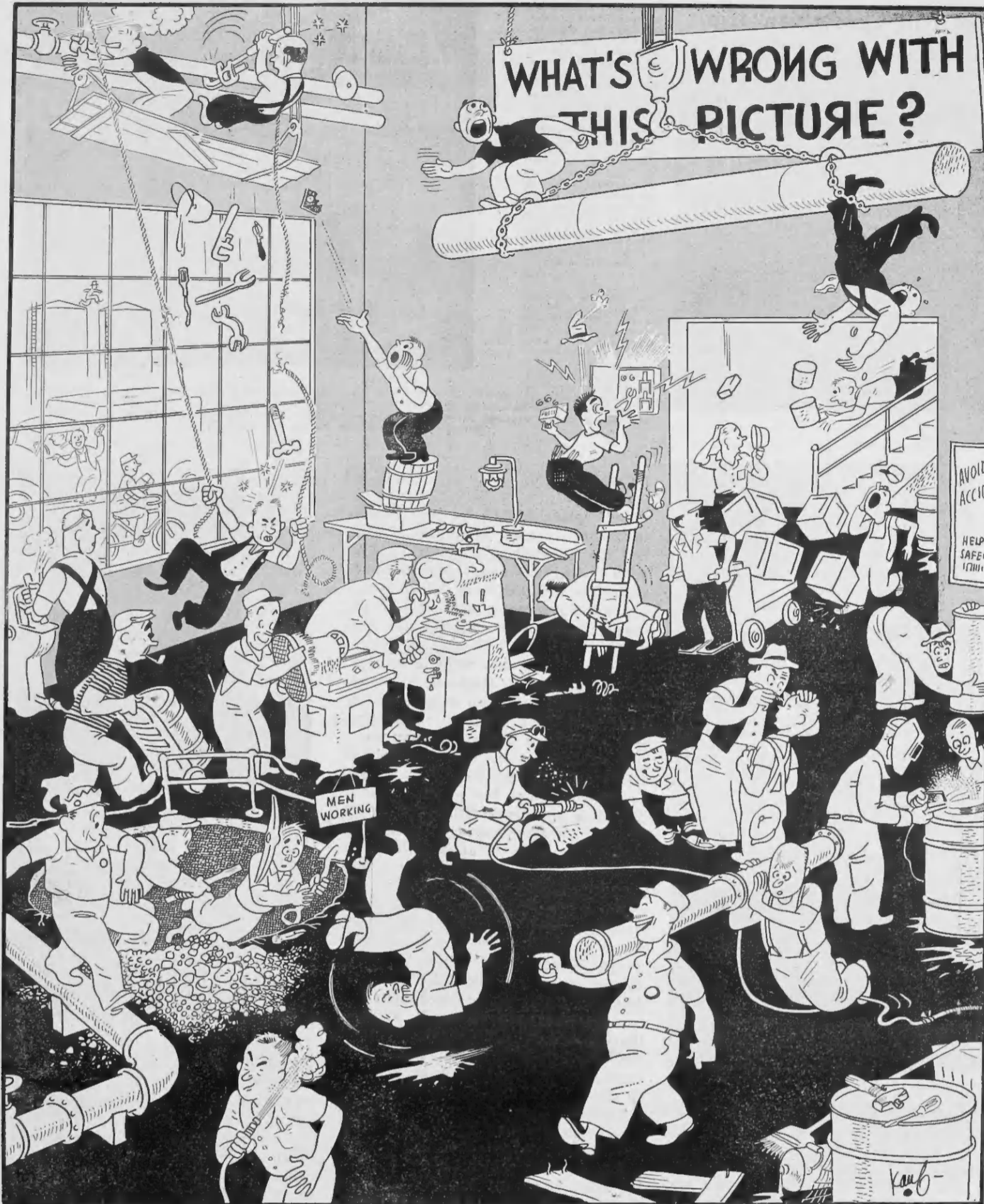
In the farewell cricket match for Foskett of Eagle March 31, the Cambridge cricketers made 301 for 5, declared, and the best Eagle could do for 6 was 162. Too late for this issue, a detailed account will appear in the next.

Grenada C. C. again came out on top in a match with St. Vincent's Victoria C. C. March 24. The match was a one-inning affair ending at 112 for Grenada and 84 for Victoria.

C. Nicholas, recent 118-run man of

Grenada turned in a good performance, bowling 10 overs, and had seven wickets for 30 runs. For Victoria, Walker bowled six over, one maiden, and had four wickets for 29 runs.

Of the 112 Grenada runs, K. Perrotte scored 48. Howe was high scorer for Victoria with 24 runs.



## ? GNORW S'TAHW

That plenty is wrong is plain to be seen. In fact, an expert wrong-finder has located no less than 72 things in the picture at left that are accidents on their way to happening. How many can YOU find? (A checklist will be published in the next issue).

## Comité pa Hendenan di Tanker Pa Yuda Fleet y Directiva

Dia 22 di Februari miembronan di Comité nobo pa hendenan di Lake Tankers a reuni pa promé biaha na Marine Office pa discuti com e grupo lo funciona y su moda di procedé.

E Comité eligi pa tripulacionnan di Lake fleet, a worde formá pa duna oportunidad pa Directiva y e hendenan di tanker por reuni y discuti asuntoonan di póliza en general y di interés mutual.

E organizacion ta consisti di un representante eligi di cada Lake tanker y di esnan cu ta traha na tere tambe y nan tin idea di reuni un biaha pa luna.

E formacion di e grupo aki lo ta promé bez cu hombernan di Lake Fleet lo tin representacion directa pa por trece problemanan na atencion di Directiva.

Na e promé reunion e siguiente señores tabata presente: J. M. B. Howard y Captain W. L. Thomas cu a presidia. Representantenan di e Lake tankernan tabata O. Richardson di DELAPLAINE, L. Bowers di JUSEPIN, C. Thomas di MARACAY, A. Cook di TRUJILLO, C. Antoine di esnan cu ta traha na tera y L. Boom-Kim di e Chinesnan cu ta traha na tera.

## Tankermen's Committee Formed To Aid Fleet and Management

Meeting for the first time, members of the newly-formed Lake Tankermen's Committee gathered in the Marine Office February 22 to discuss the functions of the group and outline its mode of procedure.

The Committee, elected from unlicensed crews in the Lake fleet, was formed to provide a means for management and the tankermen to get together and discuss matters of general overall policy and mutual interest.

The organization is formed of one elected representative from each of the Lake tankers in addition to men from the shore personnel, and it is planned to meet once a month.

The formation of this group will mark the first time that men of the Lake fleet have had direct representation as a means of bringing problems to the attention of Management.

Present at the first meeting were J. M. B. Howard and Captain W. L. Thomas, who presided, in addition to the regular Management representatives, A. Eves, W. Baker, and Captain J. MacLean. Representing the tankermen were O. Richardson of the DELAPLAINE, L. Bowers of the JUSEPIN, C. Thomas of the MARACAY, A. Cook of the TRUJILLO, C. Antoine of the shoregang, and L. Boom-Kim of the Chinese shore-staff.

## NEW ARRIVALS

A daughter, Veronica Frederica, to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Williams, March 6.  
A daughter, Yolanda, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pena, March 6.  
A son, Felix Martin, to Mr. and Mrs. Philogene Lake, March 6.  
A son, John Alexander, to Mr. and Mrs. Desire W. Marques, March 6.  
A son, Jimmy Thomas, to Mr. and Mrs. Ceferino Tromp, March 7.  
A son, Juan Francisco, to Mr. and Mrs. Marcos Dirksz, March 8.  
A son, Ronald Adolf, to Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Vaseur, March 12.  
A daughter, Otencia Francisca, to Mr. and Mrs. Irad Richardson, March 13.  
A daughter, Christina Emelinda, to Mr. and Mrs. Willem Wever, March 13.  
A son, Hiram Louis, to Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Lyles, March 14.  
Twins, a son Florentino and a daughter Florencia, to Mr. and Mrs. Julio Vroolijk, March 14.  
A daughter, Cordula Orriel, to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rombley, March 14.  
A daughter, Magdalena Maria, to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rafini, March 14.  
A daughter, Magda Filomena, to Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Kock, March 17.  
A daughter, Anger Antonia, to Mr. and Mrs. Diogenes Nevada, March 17.  
A daughter, Hazel Rosalind, to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Rhodes, March 20.  
A son, George Elliot, to Mr. and Mrs. William Gibson, March 21.

## ? ZEBOR AT OCIK

Ta facil pa mira cu tin hopi cos robez. Un experto Buscador-di-fout a haya no menos cu 72 fout den e prerchi aki 'riba cu sigur lo causá accidente. Mira cuanto cos robez bo por haya. (Den e próximo número di Esso News nos lo publicá un lista di e foutnan.)

## Form Softball League For Play in Sport Park

Softball is again on the way. In a meeting of the Sports Committee March 27, the creation of a 14-team league was decided upon with a schedule to be drawn up in the near future.

The rules covering the play during the competition will be practically the same as before with a few minor changes. A new umpiring practise has come into being with this league. The captain and one other man on each team will be required to act as umpires from time to time when their team is not scheduled to play. In this connection, R. W. Stickel of the Personnel Department has consented to hold brief coaching sessions in the noble art of "calling 'em" for the men concerned.

The teams in the league are the Carpenters, Machinist and Foundry, Personnel and Accounting, Utilities, Drydock, Acid Plant, Plant Commissary, Pressure Stills, T.S.D., M. & C. Colony Operations, Light Oils Training Division, the Dutch Army, and one team still to be added. (The Army will not be competing for the departmental championship).

## BIOGRAFIA CORTICO

Juan Emers por recordá e promé anjanan di refinaria di Lago y di Lago Fleet bon ainda.

Juan a traha cu Fleet casi na su cumzamento na anja 1924. Na Maart di 1925 el a yega Aruba y el a bira derde Stuurman abordo di S. S. BACOOI. Esey tabata cumzamento di un carera largo cu Lago.

Juan a nace na Bonaire 53 anja pasá y tempo cu e tabatin 13 anja el a bai nabegá. Un di su promé bihlanan tabata abordo di un barco di bela di tres master cu tabata carga tabla pa armamento di riél di Savannah, Georgia pa New York. Na anja 1915 Juan a bai abordo di un vapor Americano GUAMO, cu tabata biaha entre New York y Porto Rico.

Despues di un tempo cortico na tera na anja 1916 durante cual el a traha na Drydock y a bai school, Juan a bolbe bai nabegá cu un vapor di Standard Oil, cu tabata yama STANDARD, cu cual el a bai México y Juan di cu ey nan tabata carga e vapor usando un slang cu tabatin den lamar y nan tabata pomp e azeta den e vapor.

Na anja 1920 Juan tabata na tera atrobe y el a bai school di Nabegación. Despues di 6 luna el a haya su certificado di derde Stuurman. Cu esaki den su poder el a bai traha cu Grace Line te na anja 1924 y e ora el a bai haci un keiru na Bonaire.

Na Januari di 1925 el a bai Corsow y aya un loads Curazoleño a bisé cu na

Aruba tin un trabao pé. Juan a bini Aruba y el a bira derde Stuurman abordo di BACOOI, cu tabata biaha entre Aruba y Maracaibo. Despues el a bira derde Stuurman abordo di PALMER y despues di poco tempo nan a duné trabao na tera y el a traha cu Ralph Watson; nan mester a split waya cu cual nan tabata descargá e plachinan di s'aal cu cual nan a traha e tankinan. E tankinan aki tabata esnan di promé cu tabatin na San Nicolas.

Ora cu e trabao aki a bini cla el a bai nabegá atrobe como Twede Stuurman di INVERCORRIE y despues di INVERROSA.

Despues el a bolbe bin traha algun tempo na tera, construyendo un separator na anja 1926 bao di mando di Captan Rodger; despues di esaki el a bai traha cu un martinete di stoom pa claba palonan den canal y ey un desgracia a costé su man. El a pasa tres luna den hospital y asina cu el a sali el a bolbe na su trabao, y e biaha aki pa construí un cas na mes lugá caminda Laboratorio No. 1 ta awor.

Juan tabata presente ora e promé vapor a ancrá na e main dock nobo trahá na November di anja 1927. Desde e tempo ey tur servicio cu Juan tin cu Compania ta na Marine Wharves unda el a cumzará traha na December di 1927.

## SCHEDULE OF PAYDAYS

Semi-Monthly Payroll

March 16—31 Monday, April 8

Monthly Payrolls.

March 1—31 Tuesday, April 9